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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed August 31, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 31, 2001; March 7, 2002; February 16, 2005; and March 29, 2005.

Claims 12, 15-25, 28-38, 41-49, 51-59, 61-68, 70-74, 76-83 and 85-92 are pending in the present application, of which claims 12, 23, 36, 49, 59 and 81 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 2 of the Official Action continues to reject claims 12, 15-25, 28-38, 41-49, 51-59, 61-68, 70-74, 76-83 and 85-92 as obvious based on U.S. Patent No. 5,882,761 to Kawami et al. It further appears that the Official Action relies on nine non-